

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Caroline County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

December 19, 2008 to January 20, 2009

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

Department of Defense/Army/Fort A.P. Hill

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Army Garrison at Fort A.P Hill will host the National Boy Scout Jamboree in 2010. The Army grants the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) 2,200 acres at Fort A.P. Hill to set-up, operate, and dismantle the Jamboree. The event will take place from July 26 through August 5, 2010, with eight-thousand support staff arriving July 19th to begin set-up. Clean-up of the event will continue into November. The estimated attendance at the Jamboree is 45,000 scouts, leaders and support staff and over 275,000 visitors. An alternative site in New Mexico was considered; however, this alternative was rejected because it did not meet the screening criteria established by the BSA. Moving the location of the Jamboree would prevent the BSA from holding the Jamboree in 2010 to celebrate their 100th year anniversary. The Jamboree program is designed to develop and enhance the skills of Scouting, including physical fitness, environmental conservation, national heritage, and the values of Scouting.

A federal consistency determination has been submitted for this proposal and finds it consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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